



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)

Guyton P. Swindell et al.)

Serial No. 10/607,646)

Filed June 27, 2003)

Group Art Unit 3726

Confirmation No. 2684)

Docket No. 02-1868 / 370021-00026

For Apparatus and Method for Taut Sheath)

Splicing of All-Dielectric, Self-Supporting)

Fiber Optic Cable)

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181
TO WAIVE FOUR-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME FEE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on March 16, 2004.

Tracey D. Beiriger, Esq.

Date of Signature: March 16, 2004

**Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.181 to waive the four-month extension of time fee for replying to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated September 25, 2003 since we did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts until they were faxed to us upon our inquiry on March 10, 2004. The facts are as follows:

- 1) The above-identified patent application was filed on June 27, 2003.
- 2) The return postcard from the Patent Office was received indicating the above filing date along with the Serial No. of 10/607,646.

- 3) The inventors executed the Declaration for Patent Application form on August 8, 2003. The form was put into the file jacket awaiting receipt from the Patent Office of the Notice to File Missing Parts.
- 4) However, the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Filing Receipt was not received. On February 19, 2004, my administrative assistant, Marie Kacin, realized that we still had the executed forms waiting to be sent in. She checked the file jacket and also the docket report (copy enclosed) to see if the forms were received. She immediately left a voice mail at the Patent Office Pending Applications Branch (ph. 703-305-1801) inquiring as to the whereabouts of the Notice to Filing Missing Parts and the Filing Receipt. No return telephone call was made by the Patent Office.
- 5) On March 1st, Ms. Kacin called the Patent Office Application Branch (ph. 703-308-1202). A gentleman she talked to said that the forms were mailed out on September 25, 2003. He said he would fax a copy of the Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts to her. No facsimile was received.
- 6) On March 10th, Ms. Kacin again telephoned the Application Branch, and Ms. Stokes sent a facsimile of the Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts.
- 7) The Notice to File Missing Parts not only was requesting submittal of the executed Declaration, but it also requested a substitute specification and replacement drawings (copy of the Notice enclosed).
- 8) The specification and drawings that were submitted with the filing of the patent application were in good condition. The copies of the specification and drawings enclosed are identical to those sent in with the filing of the application. If there was a problem with the specification and claims after it was received by the Patent Office that took it out of its normal processing course, possibly the Filing Receipt and Notice to File Missing Parts were never mailed.
- 9) In light of all of the circumstances, we are requesting that the \$1,480.00 four-month extension of time fee be waived for this patent application.
- 10) Applicant submits herewith the Transmittal Letter, the executed Declaration for Patent Application, a four-month Petition for Extension of Time, along with a Credit Card Payment form, a signed Declaration from Marie Kacin, a copy of the Notice to

File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, a substitute specification and replacement drawings, and a copy of our docket report showing that the Notice to File Missing Parts was not received.

This petition is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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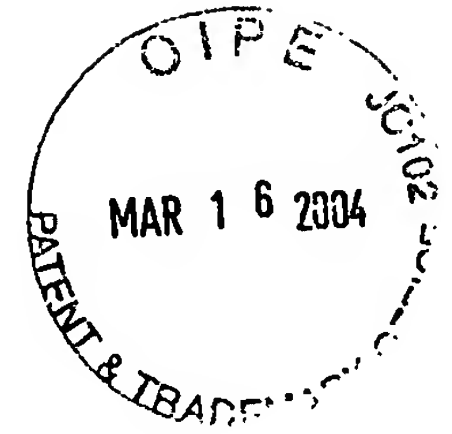
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****Title****

Title
Apparatus and Method for Taut Sheath Splicing of All-Dielectric, Self-Supporting Fiber Optic Cable

****Comments****

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Pietragallo No. 54265

Txt Type	Job Description
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Taut Sheath Splicing of ADSS Cable - Swindell et al

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